

# Public Participation Opportunity Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Water Resources (DWR) Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft Permit Actions

# November 24, 2020

Public Notice Number: MMXX-047

Expiration Date: December 29, 2020

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following proposed permit actions and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. A list of Notices of Intent (NOIs) received by the DWR is available on our DataViewer web page:

http://environment-online.tn.gov:8080/pls/enf reports/f?p=9034:34001

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you believe will be interested.

# **Individual NPDES Permits**

### **Proposed Reissuances**

Applicant Name	Carter County Board of Education dba Carter County Schools				
	Valley Forge Elementary School				
Permit Number	TN0056405	Permit Writer Initials	SDM	Discharger rating	Minor
County	Carter EFO Name Johnson City				
Street Address/Location	1485 Riverview Drive				
City and/or Zip Code	Elizabethton, TN 37643				
Description of Activity	treatment of domestic wastewater by extended aeration				
Effluent Description	treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001				
Receiving Stream	Doe River at mile	3.9			
Facility Latitude	36.310278	Facility Longitude		-82.193611	

# **Individual NPDES Permits**

Applicant Name Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Wilbur Hydro Plant

Permit Number TN0027553 Permit Writer Initials JCM Discharger rating Minor

County Carter EFO Name Johnson City

Street Address/Location Route 1

City and/or Zip Code Elizabethton, TN 37643

Description of Activity Electric Services

Effluent Description discharge of non-process wastewater from an electric services operation from Outfalls

001-009

Receiving Stream Watauga River at mile 34.0

Facility Latitude 36.341483 Facility Longitude -82.126203

Applicant Name Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

**Watts Bar Hydro Plant** 

Permit Number TN0030163 Permit Writer Initials JCM Discharger rating Minor

County Rhea EFO Name Chattanooga

Street Address/Location SR-68

City and/or Zip Code Watts Bar Dam, TN 37395
Description of Activity Hydroelectric Services

Effluent Description noncontact cooling waters, station sump wastewater; river water from unwatering

operations; river water that has leaked into the plant; backwash of strainers; test waters from fire protection system; and spent waters from certain activities outdoors, including pressure washing of painted surfaces, drilling or slot cutting the dam and washing

equipment from Outfalls 001-013

Receiving Stream Tennessee River (Chickamauga Reservoir) at mile 529.8

Facility Latitude 35.620833 Facility Longitude -84.783333

Applicant Name Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Fort Loudoun Hydro Plant

Permit Number TN0027430 Permit Writer Initials JCM Discharger rating Minor

County Loudon EFO Name Knoxville

Street Address/Location 1280 City Park Drive
City and/or Zip Code Lenoir City, TN 37772
Description of Activity Electric Services

Effluent Description discharge of non-process wastewater from an electric services operation from Outfalls

001-012

Receiving Stream Tennessee River at RM 602.3

Facility Latitude 35.791000 Facility Longitude -84.242500

### **Proposed Terminations**

# **Individual NPDES Permits**

Franklin TravelCenter

Permit Number TN0073580 Permit Writer Initials JCM Discharger rating Minor

County Williamson EFO Name Nashville

Street Address/Location 4400 Peytonsville Road
City and/or Zip Code Franklin, TN 37064

Description of Activity Formerly discharge of wash water and storm water and treatment/spray irrigation of

domestic waste water. This site is connected to the Franklin public sewer system and

the treatment plant has been decommissioned and removed.

Effluent Description truck bay wash down water and storm water runoff from Outfall 001; also spray irrigation

(land application disposal) of treated domestic wastewater

Receiving Stream wet weather conveyance to Fivemile Creek at mile 2.2

Facility Latitude 35.860024 Facility Longitude -86.830016

# **State Operation Permits**

### **Proposed Reissuances**

Ocoee #2 Hydro Plant STP

Permit Number SOP-87044 Permit Writer Initials SDM Discharger rating Minor

County Polk EFO Name Chattanooga

Street Address/Location US Highway 64 - Ocoee #2 Powerhouse

City and/or Zip Code Benton, TN 37307

Description of Activity a pump and a haul system in conjunction with a holding tank to dispose of domestic

wastewater to Cleveland STP

Wastewater Description No discharge allowed

Receiving Stream Ocoee River Mile 19.8

Facility Latitude 35.095000 Facility Longitude -84.534444

# **POTW - Pretreatment Program Approvals:**



The Division of Water Resources is authorized to approve local POTW Pretreatment Programs for the administration and enforcement of the National Pretreatment Standards of Performance for industrial users of the respective Publicly Owned Treatment Works listed in this notice. Additionally, the POTW Programs are required to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will interfere with their operation, including the use or disposal of sludge, and prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will pass through the treatment works or be otherwise incompatible. All POTW Pretreatment Programs approved are in accordance with the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, the federal Clean Water Act, and appropriate regulations.

### **End of List**

### **How to Comment:**

TDEC is requesting public comment on this permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action are invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Resources at William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax number (615) 532-0686, or by E-mail at *Water.Permits@tn.gov*. Comments must be received by the public notice expiration date (December 29, 2020).

### How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Resources hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed by the public notice expiration date (December 29, 2020) and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to Division of Water Resources Rule 0400-40-05-.06(12). Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

## **How the Department will Proceed:**

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

### To Obtain Permit Details:

Copies of the application(s) and draft permit(s) are also available for public inspection by contacting TDEC at http://state.tn.us/environment/field-offices.shtml, by calling 1-888-891-TDEC (8332), or by visiting the following locations during normal business hours:

Environmental Field Office - Chattanooga 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423) 634-5745 Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie

Environmental Field Office - Columbia 1421 Hampshire Pike Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 380-3371

Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, Wayne

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Environmental Field Office - Cookeville

1221 South Willow Avenue

Cookeville, TN 38506

(931) 432-4015

Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, De Kalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith,

Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, White

Environmental Field Office - Jackson

1625 Hollywood Drive

Jackson, TN 38305

(731) 512-1300

Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake,

Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Weakley

Environmental Field Office - Johnson City

2305 Silverdale Road

Johnson City, TN 37601

(423) 854-5400

Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington

Environmental Field Office - Knoxville

3711 Middlebrook Pike

Knoxville, TN 37921

(865) 594-6035

Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe,

Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

Environmental Field Office - Memphis

8383 Wolf Lake Drive

Bartlett, TN 38133-4119

(901) 371-3000

Fayette, Hardeman, Shelby, Tipton

Environmental Field Office - Nashville

711 R.S. Gass Boulevard

Nashville, TN 37243

(615) 687-7000

Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner,

Williamson, Wilson

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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy:

Antidegradation determinations have been made in regard to the permits referenced in this Public Notice. Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Chapter 0400-40-03-.06 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for those waters that are identified to be of high quality. Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Some high quality waters are those at near pristine conditions. These Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) are specifically designated by the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas and are afforded the greatest level of protection. No new discharges or expansion of existing discharges are allowed to result in degradation of the existing water quality. Waters determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features and are identified by the Department as Exceptional Tennessee Waters are also protected against degradation.

Some degradation may be allowed in the Exceptional Tennessee Waters only if the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas deems it economically and socially necessary. Other surface waters not specifically identified and/or designated as high quality are referred to as waters with available or unavailable conditions. Generally, new discharges or increases in existing discharges may be allowed in waters not identified as ONRWs or Exceptional Tennessee Waters. The Division of Water Resource's evaluation of such discharges may include the following provisions:

- The proposed lowering of water quality by the discharge is necessary for economic growth or community benefit; the proposed discharge can not be mitigated by reasonable pollution prevention measures; and
- · There is no other reasonable non-discharge alternative available to prevent the new/increased discharge to waters with available or unavailable conditions.

In all cases, the proposed discharge must meet water quality standards and fully protect all classified uses. Information used by the Division of Water Resources in evaluating any of the above provisions is available upon request.

# State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination:

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints should be directed to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102, 1-866-253-5827. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Mr. Saul Castillo at 615-532-0462 for more information.

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